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Representative Jessie Rodriguez responds to Black and Latino Caucus 01/02/14

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Rep. Rodriguez Says 2014 Is An Opportunity For A Fresh Start

(Madison) - State Representative Jessie Rodriguez (R-Franklin) released the following statement in response to public remarks made by Wisconsin's Black and Latino Caucus.

“This week marks the beginning of a new year and a fresh start. There are goals to set, resolutions to make, and challenges to overcome. We should expect from our legislators no less than a free and functioning government that aims for reform and strives to represent everyone.”

“As an immigrant, I’m proud of my Salvadorian heritage. I’m also proud of the work I’ve done with low-income Hispanic parents across the state helping them invest in the future of their children. And so, with due deference to Representative Mandela Barnes and his group, I don’t need to be a part of a minority caucus to understand communities of color or find ways to empower them. I’ve worked long enough in struggling communities to understand that no self-appointed group or organization, whether White, black, or Latino, owns the rights to represent any one segment of our society.”

“As 2014 begins, I look forward to the shared challenges we face as parents, taxpayers, and members of the community. The voters of the 21st Assembly District sent me to Madison, not to get bogged down by identity politics, but to work with my colleagues and Governor Walker to continue making Wisconsin a great place for everyone.”

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